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Good Morning! My name is Denise Chambers. I am a resident of Bristol Connecticut. I am here today because I believe that our Second Amendment Rights must be considered. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." After Studying the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers, I feel I have a good understanding of why our Founding Fathers included the right to bear arms as God given right. The Second Amendment does not grant us this right. This right already existed. The Second Amendment merely prevents the government from infringing on it. The threat of tyranny today is no less than it was at the founding of this great nation. The bills, especially bill 1076 that you are proposing undermine, and degrade our Second Amendment Rights. I simply cannot stand by and watch a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States come under attack from those who either can't understand it, don't like the sound of it, or find themselves unable to see why it remains the first among all. Our own Connecticut Constitution says it more clearly in Article one Section Fifteen "Every Citizen has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state." Bill 1076 not only infringes on these rights by outlawing just about every semi-automatic rifle manufactured, it also makes owning long arms so expensive that only the rich and privileged will own them. That is not only infringing on my rights, But it is borderline tyrannical. Someone explain to me how charging me a yearly fee will stop violent crimes? I do understand how taxing those of us that follow the law might help the pitiful budget that was passed last year. God knows you need the money, But it won't stop one crime and most of you know that. The guns you talk about banning are just like every other hunting rifle with cosmetic features. They are not assault weapons contrary to what the media and some law makers want you to believe. After all we already have an assault weapons ban in place. You now want to add more firearms to this list of banned firearms. I have to ask at what point are our rights just out right banned? I would like to ask you all today not to change the current laws regarding firearms or ammunition. Again , I ask you to enforce the current laws that already exist. I feel that none of these laws will make it any safer for anyone in this state. Criminals do not care about laws. The only people you are restricting are those of us that follow the law. I thank you for listening and apologize if I offended anyone..But the way this tragedy is being exploited to further an Anti-American agenda is beyond disgusting. God Bless you all..